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## OPEN NEW PLANT IN DIMITROVGRAD, SPEED INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

INAUGURATE ASBESTOS-CEMENT PLANT -- Sofia, Ratotnichesko Delo, 25 Dec 50

At the opening of the new asbestos-cement plant in Dimitrovgrad on 23 December 1950, Rayko Damyanov vice-chairman of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers and member of the Politburo, emphasized the advantages that the new enterprise will bring to the country's economy. According to his speech, the production of water pipes and all other types of piping will save considerable amounts of foreign currency required heretofore for the import of costly metal pipes. The plant will also produce fettling and construction materials and will speed the progress of construction work throughout the country. Special attention should be paid to water installations in rural areas, which have long been handicapped by the shortage of pipe material. The domestic production of pipes will mean a saving of 900 million leva yearly.

The plant will also manufacture insulating construction material, slates for the inner and outer covering of walls, switchboards, gas installations, roofing tiles, chimneys, various articles of interior equipment, washbowls, tables, desks, and other articles of furniture.

CONTINUE WORK ON NEW PROJECTS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 28 Dec 50

Fitters at the Stalin Fertilizer and Maritsa 3 Thermal Power Plant projects have completed the hoisting of the 18-ton girders for the boiler plant. Workers on the thermal power plant project have decided to continue operations throughout the winter. Members of the Vyshinski Brigade have given up their Christmas leave and are urging other workers to follow their example.

Current operations on the project are directed mainly to the completion of foundation work, prevent the possible crumbling of the excavations. One of the obstacles to construction work during the winter is the freezing of cement mortar. To offset this handicap, a workshop, made of concrete, has been built to keep the cement mortar at a constant temperature of 40-50 degrees centigrade. Special dump cars lined with wood will be used to pour the cement into construction forms.

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